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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE EVACUATION OF EMBASSY DEPENDENTS
IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. XINHUA NEWS AGENCY, USING
WESTERN MEDIA SOURCES, CARRIES AN ARTICLE SAYING

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THAT FANG LIZHI HAS SOUGHT REFUGE IN THE US EMBASSY. XINHUA ALSO RELEASED AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF THE JUNE 6 JIANGUOMENWAI INCIDENT. XINHUA SAID THE TROOPS THAT SHOT AT AND SURROUNDED THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND WERE LOOKING FOR A SNIPER. SOME "INSTRUCTIONS" ATTRIBUTED TO LI PENG SUGGEST THAT HE AND PERHAPS OTHER LEADERS ARE RATTLED BY THE STRONG INTERNATIONAL REACTION TO THE JUNE 3 SUPPRESSION OF STUDENTS ON TIANANMEN SQUARE. BEIJING RADIO STRONGLY DENIED A TAIWAN RUMOR THAT DENW XIAOPING IS DEAD. END SUMMARY.

EVACUATION OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS

3. ALL AMERICAN DEPENDENTS WERE MOVED TO THE LIDO HOLIDAY INN ON THE AIRPORT ROAD IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S 1145 EVACUATION. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED AMCITS IN NEED OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRPORT TO GATHER AT THE FRIENDSHIP HOTEL IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE CITY AND THE JINGLUN HOTEL IN EASTERN BEIJING; WE WILL SEND OUT TWO SEPARATE CONVOYS TO PICK-UP AMCITS BY 0800 LOCAL TO TAKE THEM TO THE AIRPORT. EMBOFFS NOTIFIED THE MFA AND CAAC ORALLY
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OF THE INCOMING UNITED AND CONTINENTAL CHARTERS, AND WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION EARLY ON JUNE 8 (REFTELS B AND C).

FANG LIZHI

4. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A JUNE 7 XINHUA RELEASE ENTITLED "FANG LIZHI TAKES 'REFUGE' IN U.S. EMBASSY." BEGIN TEXT:

- "FANG LIZHI 'HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY,' ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE 'VOICE OF AMERICA' AND THE 'UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL' TODAY.

- "THE REPORTS SAID FANG WENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ON MONDAY 'FOR HIS SAFETY', BUT HE DID NOT APPLY FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM. THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN MARLIN FITZWATER ON TUESDAY."

- "PEOPLE FROM A RELEVANT DEPARTMENT HERE SAID THAT 'IN RECENT YEARS FANG LIZHI HAS MADE SPEECHES, THROUGH U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN REPORTERS, TO ATTACK THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM AND ABUSE THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT. THE U.S. SIDE IS CLEAR ABOUT FANG'S CONDITIONS AND UNDER THE CURRENT SITUATION, THE

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REFUGE PROVIDED TO FANG BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
BEIJING IS AN INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL
AFFAIRS." END TEXT.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE JIANGUOMENWAI INCIDENT

5. THE FOLLOWING IS A XINHUA RELEASE GIVING THE
OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE JUNE 7 JIANGUOMENWAI

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INCIDENT. BEGIN TEXT:

- "THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TROOPS ON IMPOSING MARTIAL LAW IN BEIJING REPORTS THAT ONE SERVICEMAN WAS KILLED AND THREE OTHERS INJURED TODAY WHEN A CONTINGENT OF THE MARTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TROOPS WAS ATTACKED BY SHOTS NEAR THE JIANGUOMEN OVERPASS IN EASTERN BEIJING.

- "THE REPORT SAYS THAT THE TROOPS WERE ATTACKED BY SHOTS FROM TWO DIRECTIONS -- ONE FROM THE JIANGUOMEN DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS AND THE OTHER FROM BUILDINGS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET WHEN THEY WERE MARCHING FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST TO THE JIANGUOMEN OVERPASS AT AROUND 10:00 A.M. TODAY.

- "THE CONTINGENT WAS FORCED TO FIRE BACK AND, FOR A TIME, IT ENCIRCLED THE DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS AND OTHER BUILDINGS AND SOON WITHDREW, THE REPORT SAYS.

- "THE REPORTS SAYS THE MARTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TROOPS REQUIRE THAT BOTH CHINESE AND FOREIGNERS IN BEIJING STRICTLY OBSERVE VARIOUS REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TROOPS AND PROVIDED THEY DO SO THAT THE TROOPS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING THEIR SAFETY." END TEXT.

WE ARE NOT AFRAID

6. STATE COUNCIL SPOKESMAN YUAN MU IN A JUNE 6 TELEVISED NEWS CONFERENCE DISCUSSED TWO POINTS THAT HE WAS ASKED TO BRING UP AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE "LEADING COMRADE FOR THE STATE COUNCIL" (I.E. LI PENG) WITH REGARD TO WORLD OPINION CONCERNING THE
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RECENT VIOLENT SUPPRESSION OF THE STUDENTS ON
TIANANMEN SQUARE. BEGIN TEXT:

- "FIRST, WE ARE NOT AFRAID. NO MATTER WHAT
MEANS THEY USE -- CONDEMNATION OR SANCTION, THE
CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WILL NEVER ALLOW THEM
TO INTERFERE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE ARE
NOT SPINELESS PERSONS. EVEN IF THEIR ACTIONS BRING
US SOME TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES, WE WILL OVERCOME
THEM. THE STRUGGLE WE ARE WAGING TO CURB THE
TURMOIL IS ONE THAT
DECIDES THE FATE OF THE PARTY AND THE COUNTRY, IF
CONCESSIONS ARE MADE ON THIS QUESTION, YOU WILL NOT
DARE TO TAKE ACTIONS, AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WILL
BE OVERTURNED. THEN, WHAT USE IS THERE FOR YOU TO
TAKE LOANS AND TECHNOLOGY FROM THEM? THIS IS THE
FIRST ATTITUDE. SECOND, WE HOPE WORLD OPINION,
FOREIGN STATESMEN AND GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT BE SO
SHORT-SIGHTED, BUT HAVE A FAR-SIGHTED VIEW.
ALTHOUGH WE ARE IN DIFFICUTIES AND HAVING A HARD
TIME, AND THE PARTY AND THE STATE ARE AT A CRITICAL
MOMENT, THE CHINESE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HAVE THE
ABILITY, MEASURES AND DETRMINATION TO OVERCOME THESE
DIFFICULTIES. IF THEY CAN LOOK AT THE PROBLEM FROM A
LONG-TERM POINT OF VIEW, I THINK ON THIS QUESTION
THEY WILL NOT TAKE THOSE ACTIONS THAT HURT THE WAS
SNT OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. AND WE
ARE NOT GOING TO LET THIS HAPPEN." END TEXT.

7. COMMENT: YUAN MU'S INSTRUCTIONS FROM LI PENG
GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT LI IS RATTLED BY THE WORLD
REACTION TO THE TIANANMEN MASSACRE. WELL HE MIGHT
BE. THE FBIS TAKE FOR JUNE 7, FOR INSTANCE,
INCLUDED HARSH CRITICISM OF CHINA FROM YUGOSLAVIA,
HUNGARY SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, WEST GERMANY, NEW

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ZEALAND, ITALY, THE VATICAN, AND THE NORDIC
COUNTRIES.

DENG ALIVE

8. BEIJING RADIO ON MAY 6 VEHEMENTLY DENIED TAIWAN
RUMORS THT DENG XIAOPING HAD DIED. THE BROADCAST
SAID THIS WAS "SHEER RUMOR" DESIGNED TO 'BEWILDER
THE PEOPLE, AND CREATE TOURMOIL." COMMENT: THE
UNUSUAL STEP OF DENYING A TAIWAN RUMOR SUGGESTS THAT
DENG IS INDEED STILL ALIVE. LILLEY

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